

AGENDA



Thursday, August 23, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 30**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with VULCAN SIGNS, Foley, AL for the purchase of aluminum sign blanks for the Public Works Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$360,536, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$180,268 for each extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$721,072.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$15,022 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding for the remaining twenty-three months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021.

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of four bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide for the supply of aluminum sign blanks that are used to make traffic signs to be installed by the Public Works Department, Transportation Division.

The Sign Maintenance Program was approved by the City Council in 1995. The primary objective of the Sign Maintenance program is to replace old and damaged street signs with new and more reflective signs and provide signs for new subdivisions.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Sixty-nine notices were sent, including one MBE and one WBE. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBE. One "No Bid" was received.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 19% increase from the last contract award in November 2005. This increase is due to the rise in the cost of steel products.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Public Works' recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.